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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is a very insignificant amount when compared to the amount derived from the excise revenue which was to the tune of about Rs. 16 crores."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question Nos. 1474 and 1475 may be taken up together."

Smallpox in Malabar.

* 1474 *Q.*—SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN (on behalf of Sri M. Narayana Kurup) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of cases of attack and death due to smallpox in the Malabar district during the last three months?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The number of cases of attacks and deaths due to smallpox in the Malabar district during the three months ending with 31st January 1955 is as follows :—

Months.	Attacks.	Deaths.
November 1954	58	11
December 1954	197	64
January 1955	125	44 "

* 1475 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of deaths due to smallpox in Malabar during November, December 1954 and January 1955;

(*b*) the areas in which this disease is prevalent; and

(*c*) the steps taken by the Government to check the spread of this disease? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The total number of deaths due to smallpox in Malabar during November 1954, December 1954 and January 1955 was as follows :—November 1954—11; December 1954—64; January 1955—44.

" (*b*) The areas in which this disease is prevalent are :—Kozhikode, Kurumbranad, Ernad, Palghat, Ponnani, Wynaad taluks and Tellicherry Municipality. (The disease was prevalent in Walluvanad and Chirakkal taluks in November and December 1954, respectively.)

" (*c*) Intensive vaccination and other preventive measures such as disinfection, isolation of cases and propaganda were carried out. Additional Health Assistants and Special Health Inspectors were posted for smallpox epidemic duty. Milk powder and multi-vitamin tablets and rice and medicines were distributed in some of the infected areas."